



JOBS FOR MONTANA'S GRADUATES

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JMG News

"GROWING TO SUCCEED"

SEPTEMBER 2009

Welcome, New Career Specialists!

As a new school year begins, several schools have added JMG programs and several programs have added new specialists! Following are new additions to the JMG team:

NEW SPECIALISTS IN EXISTING PROGRAMS

Frenchtown High School – **Phil McLendon**
Plains High School – **Kevin Meredith**
Troy High School – **Louise Martin**
East Valley Middle School – **Brenda Stoltz**
& **Ashley Gillespie**

NEW SCHOOLS AND SPECIALISTS

Brockton Middle School – **Alyssa Hove**
Dodson High School – **Shawn Albright**
Libby High School – **Shelley Fisher**
Whitehall Middle School – **Heidi Laug**
Columbia Falls Middle School – **Shari Johnson**
& **Gary Yee**

Please welcome these Career Specialists to the JMG family!

*We know you are doing wonderful things in your JMG classroom – that's why we want to share them with other specialists! **Send us your classroom stories and best practices (along with photos!)** and we will spotlight them in the upcoming issues of the JMG newsletter.*

JMG FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 27, 2009

RED LION COLONIAL HOTEL – HELENA, MT

FEATURING "TRAINING WHEELS"

Training Wheels is taking over! A company that specializes in creatively building high-performing teams, Training Wheels will transform the way our students communicate, solve problems, make decisions, and achieve their goals through dynamic, hands-on activities. Like learning how to ride a bike with training wheels, we will learn ways to grow and balance for the long ride.

Send us your:

***Registration forms**

***Competitive event entries**

DUE OCTOBER 5TH

Encourage your students to be working on their logo and national JAG letter

FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE: SESSIONS FOR SPECIALISTS!

During this year's Fall Leadership Conference in Helena, we are planning two sessions especially for attending specialists. You will learn about the following:

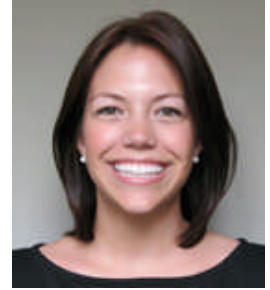
Webinar Technology: By simply logging on to your computer, you can save yourself time and money by eliminating the long drives to trainings! We will show you an easy webinar tool that JMG will be using in the future to get you the training you need in a timely manner.

JMG Curriculum Update: You'll meet with the JMG curriculum writer, hear the latest on how the project is progressing, and offer your ideas and best practices.

We look forward to seeing you at the Conference!

Introducing New Program Manager

Jenny Veltri joins JMG



Jenny Veltri has been hired by Jobs for Montana's Graduates as the newest member of the Program Manager team. She will be serving North Eastern Montana and joins Jim Lambert (Western Montana), Lucille Thomason (Southern Montana), and Drea Brown (State Director) in the Montana state JMG office in Helena.

Jenny comes from a background working in higher education. She began her career as a program coordinator at Scottsdale Community College in Arizona, where she found her passion for working with students with barriers to higher education and career options. Jenny went on to earn her masters degree from the University of Washington in educational leadership and policy studies, student services. She has held admissions roles at Seattle Pacific University and the University of Washington and worked in the Center for Learning at Seattle Pacific University, where she worked with students (the majority being first generation college goers) in programs that aid their transition to college.

The scoop on Jenny: a recent transplant to Helena from Seattle, she is excited about the change! Her husband Brock is coaching men's basketball at Carroll College, so you'll find her at every home Carroll basketball game (along with most of the away games and many other Carroll sports games as well). Jenny has lived in Utah, Arizona, Washington, and now Montana, so she is a Westerner at heart. Give her a warm welcome when you see her!

REMINDERS

Use the checklist below as a reminder of items to complete:

- **Officer Elections (MCA and Reach Council)**
- **Set date/time for high school Initiation and Installation Ceremony**
- **eNDMS database entry:**
 - o **Graduation dates from 2009**
 - o **Student retention – End of year status (May 2009)**
 - o **Student retention – September 30th update**
 - o **Senior Follow ups – include job and school placement**
 - o **2009-2010 roster**
 - o **2009-2010 student profiles**
 - o **Model services**



DUE DATE: SEPTEMBER 30TH

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